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Applicant: SHIMIZU Examiner: Unknown
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Title: AREA IMAGE SENSOR

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT(37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that the reference listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was cited in an Office Action in a corresponding Japanese Application. A copy of the Office Action, dated 6 December 2005, is enclosed herewith. Applicant points out that references JP 3-187584 and JP 9-238286 cited in the Japanese Office Action was filed with the U.S. Patent Office on 8 April 2005.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application within three months of filing this statement.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

An English abstract is provided for JP 60-154784.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

Respectfully submitted,

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